

January 9th 2026

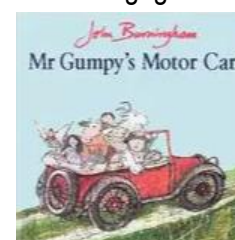
This week at Harewood

Turquoise Class have had a wonderful first week back and have shown super focus when exploring our new topic. They have all begun to learn the new Mr Gumpy story making and Year One have written the first part. In maths, Reception have been exploring the number 6 and Year One have been focusing on addition to 20. In science, the children have been investigating materials and considering which materials different objects are made from and whether they are living or non-living. The children enjoyed learning the lyrics to the song, 'The Runaway Train' and moving around the classroom in time to the beat. The children in **Blue Class** have been really good in the first week of school of 2026. In English, the children listened to the story of 'Mr Gumpy's Motor Car' and started to learn the story with actions and words. Year 1 then described the mud that Mr Gumpy's car got stuck in and then wrote the first part of the story. The Reception children either practised letter formation and simple words or wrote simple sentences. In history, the children looked back and thought about how they had changed since they were babies and then talked about what has happened in their lives. In art, the children explored printing and in computing they worked with Bee-bots. On Wednesday, the children had a wonderful time watching and joining in with the Sea Legs Puppet Theatre production of 'Little Bo Peep.' In maths, the Year 1 children have been adding numbers to 20 using different methods and the Reception children have been exploring number 6 and its hexagon shaped house. The children in **Lilac Class** have had a great first week back at school. They loved watching a puppet show on Wednesday and were fascinated by all the clever puppets and backgrounds. They have enjoyed exploring printing this week and have used toy cars, bricks and stampers to develop their printing skills. They have also enjoyed creating



transport related collages and are very proud of the work that they have produced. In history, the children talked about some of the things that have happened in their lives so far and they were then able to put events such as being a baby, learning to walk and starting school in order. In music, the children have enjoyed learning the song, 'The Runaway Train' and they were great at keeping the beat of the song using body percussion.

We were so pleased to see the children again in **Yellow Class** after the Christmas break. The first week back has been lots of fun! We had class discussions about transport - our term topic. The children shared what types of transport they already knew and talked about what they would like to find out about transport over the next term. Our story this week is Mr Gumpy's Motor Car - the children already know the story well and Year One retold the story in their writing. Reception were practising their letter formation and writing words using 'Fred Talk'. It has been wonderful watching the children engage in their play and work together, being kind and cooperative - they have missed one another! This week in **Green Class**, the Year 1 children have been writing stories based on the story *Mr Gumpy's Motor Car*, and have used a wide range of adjectives to describe the weather. In history, the children have been ordering events from their own lives to explore how things change over time. In science, the children have been learning to identify living and non-living things, as well as naming a variety of everyday materials.



This week in **Red Class**, the children enjoyed sharing news from their winter break and starting the week with our *Rise and Shine* breakfast. In maths, they learned about data by creating tally charts, bar charts and pictograms. In writing, the children wrote poems about planes, choosing exciting verbs and adjectives. They also began learning about algorithms in computing, explored Christianity in RE, enjoyed a puppet show from Sealegs, and created artwork inspired by Georgia



O'Keeffe. It's been a busy and fun week! **Orange Class** have had a great first week back and have settled in brilliantly. In maths, the children learned about data and have begun exploring place value. They also wrote some fantastic descriptive poems about planes, using imaginative language. In PE, the class enjoyed gymnastics and worked hard on their movements and balance. In history, the children learned about the life of Amelia Earhart, and in DT they designed their own Amelia Earhart-inspired aeroplanes. This week in **Pink Class** the children have begun a new topic called, 'Incredible Adventures'. We began by finding out about Amelia Earhart's dangerous challenges in history. In English, we spent the week planning and writing our own poems about planes. In RE, we finished

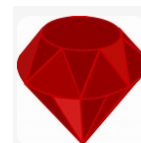
our unit on Judaism and started looking at Christianity in more depth. The children began a project to create a moving plane picture in DT, incorporating levers and sliders. We have been looking down on the oceans from our planes and had a look at the art work of Georgia O'Keeffe and discussed what we feel about her ocean art works.

Termly Topic

Our whole school topic for this term is along a transport and journeys theme. Please remember all of our detailed curriculum overviews are available on our website and these will give you a detailed picture of what is being taught in each year group. There are also ideas for how you might want to support your child in each subject at home. If you do have any questions about these, or need some support with helping your child at home, please do speak to their class teacher.

Termly Value

Tolerance is our value for this term. In this week's celebration assembly, certificates were awarded to Erica, Douglas, Jesse, Gracious, Kaydee, Isla, Hailey and Callie. Blue Class won the attendance cup with over 97% attendance for the week. Orange, Pink, Lilac, Green and Turquoise Classes all had attendance over 95% so got to play our Classopoly game. Rosie was our 'In to Win' winner for the week and got to choose a prize from the prize box.



Sea Legs Puppet Theatre

Rob from the Sea Legs Puppet theatre visited school on Thursday and all the children enjoyed watching a performance of Little Bo Peep. Through the story, the children learned the importance of being kind and tolerant which links to our termly values. Along the way they enjoyed some fabulous storytelling and music and loved looking at all the clever scenery and puppetry. The children behaved brilliantly throughout and loved joining in with different parts of the performance.



Snow Closures

With possible forecasts of snow in the near future, we wanted to remind you that we will share updates on our school website and through the school app. Any decision to close the school will be made as early as possible with the safety of pupils and staff as our priority. You can also check the [Gloucestershire school and library closures | Gloucestershire County Council](#) website for information as this is where closures will be officially listed.



PE Quality Mark

We are proud to be able to share that our school has achieved the **PE Quality Mark**, recognising high standards in physical education and school sport. This award reflects our focus on building confidence, teamwork, and a love of movement 1 through high-quality PE lessons and other active opportunities.



Forest School

Thursday 15 th January	Green Class
Friday 16 th January	Red Class



Dates for your Diary

Friday 16 th January	Phonics meeting for Reception parents at 9.00am
Wednesday 4 th February	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.30. Details to follow
Wednesday 11 th February	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6.30. Details to follow

Menu for the week beginning 12th January

	Hot meals Week 2			Meal deal
	Choice 1	Choice 2	Choice 3	Choice 4
Monday	Beef Burger in a Bap with Jacket Wedges	Veggie Burger in a Bap with Jacket Wedges	Jacket potato	Cheese Sandwich
Tuesday	Butter Chicken with Fluffy Rice	Tomato and Basil Pasta	Jacket potato	Tuna Baguette
Wednesday	Roast Gammon & Gravy	Roast Quorn Fillet	Jacket potato	Egg Baguette
Thursday	Chicken Nuggets	Veggie Nuggets	Jacket potato	Tuna Wrap
Friday	Fish fingers with chips	BBQ Mixed Bean Fajita	Jacket potato	Ham Sandwich



RECEPTION PARENTS

Friday 16th January 2026



9am in the hall

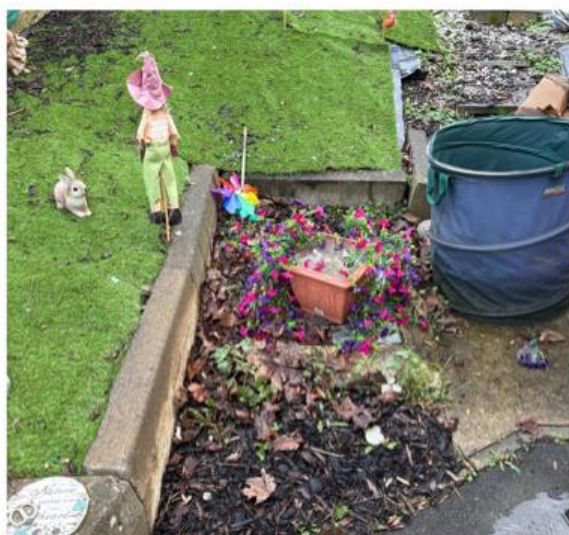
(please drop your child off as

normal and then go round to the office to access the hall)

If you have a child in Reception and wonder how to use the reading books effectively at home, please come along to the above talk where this mystery will be explained.

Everyone is welcome and if you can't come yourself please feel free to ask grannies and grandads etc... to come along for you.

We hope to see you there!



Vandalism outside the bungalow

We were very sad to see that some of our plastic flowers outside the bungalow have been vandalised. Due to the times that the bungalow is occupied, we can only assume this has happened after school at pick up time. Please ensure that children, particularly any older siblings, do not go up the steps towards the bungalow and that they are supervised by a parent or carer at all times.